Tad had calculated the note might

Straight before him, down the val-

little. And just as he tried to con

vince himself that he was wrong, and

searched for hope that an army horse

and not a pony was galloping toward

him, a shrick not fifty feet away rent

it. And then, because he was a cap-

tain's son, Ted hammered his bare

He peered over the edge of his

shelf at the broad ledge below; he

looked straight down there a hundred

feet to the foot of the bluff; and he

could not tell for the life of him from

what direction that thrilling cry had

Then a pebble was loosed, and fell

down the bluff, around somewhere to

the right of Tad's refuge and he

He heard something rub gently

In another moment, though his

She

wide eyes had been watching all the

time, the panther lay below him. She

saw him, and seemed gathering for a

thought of the rifle. Then he fired,

He felt her claws strike at him,

and eatch again and again. But he

withdrew far into the little nook, and

She toppled back, and he could

hear her breathing plainly. Then she tried again. As she stood on her

clothing, but he fought free;

on she struck

did not find it; but she was loosening

soil and stones with every effort, and

these were forming a growing plat-

When he knew the next fling of a

paw would reach him he saw the bare

blond head of Sergeant Gore on the

The back of her head was toward

And a wonderful thing happened,

The sergeant stepped close to the

panther's side, facing outward. His

left arm flashed about the extended

"Great throw!" cried Tad, and he

crept exultant from his nook, and

could lift him down. But he had to

be carried. When it was all over his

he staggered very helplessly. Gore

summit, for a few minutes. And pres-

ently they went down the long road

to the warm spring, where he washed

the dust from Tad's face and hands

Later, they dragged to the captain's

But even at that, when Tad saw his

porch a monster panther, whose vel-

vet skin not a single bullet had marred.

father's white face, and caught the wordless welcome of his mother's em-

brace, he knew he had paid for the

panther far more than it was worth .-

form which brought her nearer.

"Cling tight!" said Gore.

but he did not cry out.

he could dodge her.

ledge.

It was seconds before he

kept well to the farther edge.

there was no foothold for her.

against the rocks on the ledge below,

come.

called: "Sergeant!"

came in answer.

and she leaped.

spring.

His little body was positively

the panther to come.

the boy.

er rarely spoke in so posimer to his younger comhey had grown to be quite ley, was the fort. He watched the So Sergeant Gore twinkling lights go out in the messto trim figure by his sider d-as a cavalryman would sture in the saddle. And was so firm in Sergeant Gore that he ed down the long road to never doubted the soldier was coming. on the shingly ledges of pauther they had been was said to prowl at night the cohoes in that fearsome horse. That chilled his courage a

a well-born, well-trained who had enlisted in the iless and discouraged, as nother son of a good family. | the wonderful silence of the hills. peculiarly attractive to

His little body was positively

Fad admired Gore Lecause lifted and shaken with the shock of erer than the others. Gore shot and a better horsee was the best wrestler in knuckles against the stone, and forced And there is nothing that his courage to come back, to the soul of the boy as that close struggle of at embrace of gladiators, h comes the triumph of the ands, the victory of the unles and skill.

aged an association which n pleasure and seemed to t we kill the panther, Ser-

ght, and we might not. suin the troop who went out and then another pebble bounded ather came back in a sling away; but no strong word of cheer wo pack-mules; and he off sick-report for three see here, Tad. Get e out of your brain! How ok for me to risk the capout there on the bluff at plain it ifany explanation if the panther."
would I square matters onther.

as lying in bed—and sur-r all over him?" ice thing to kill a pant, are you afraid of her?" afraid of anything alive, cant, calmly.

ptain when the captain's

are not afraid, why don't 't do all the things we dare

t you?" my duty to mount n throw him one time.

gh at the recollection. very strong man; ring, before mountgun, the soldiers got on the parade-ground, sergeant challenged Tad remembered and how the bigted to the encounhad gripped to the presently Gore had ight on his hip, and bosom of Tad's blue coat. heels over head in

and had landed him months ago. Tad distant bluff while blowing a retreat, body. He made that splendid ful-"the attitude of a crum of his hip. He swung just once, flag came down to and swiftly; and the panther wentthe evening gun, as Higgins had once gone-heels over ade his bed on the head, and helpless. She flung both porch, and lay there paws wildly, but she made no sound stars till long after as her dark body shot over the edge gain he caught him- and was swallowed up in the darkthe border-land of ness. They listened what seemed a seemed to him, the vary long time, and heard her strike must have passed at the foot of the bluff. which he waited And then the sudsavage strength of clambered out where Sergeant Gore fellow till his heart if-human quality of sturdy legs refused to bear him, and

the terror of it. came back, and laid him on the pine-needles at the And the next time he knew the shingly if were then a promther. rgeant Gore was on

at after he was free; gain he wondered hiding; for he had ince dinner-call. rner were up the ight-mule team, and undown with a load ey had unharnessed ound Sergeaut Gore bunk, trying to read

> e's a note from the said the teamster

the penciled lines: r: I am up on the er will. TAD. was picketed back

aster's store, and ok a turn of the rope l's jaw, leaped to the ped to the hills. MIRACLES OF MORMON.

EFFECTS BROUGHT ABOUT WITH THEATRICAL METHODS.

Open Proofs of France-The Miracles of Converted Many-Ludierous Attempts to Walk on the Water.

Viewed in the large, two impres sions survive a study of the history of the Mormon Church. It is a record of misguided enthusiasm and of gigantic imposture. The two motives interwoven in the story of this peculiar people, presenting a drama of human sometimes with the sordid, sometimes with the heroic uppermost. The epic of flight of the Saipts from New York to Ohio, from Ohio to Missouri, from Missouri to Illinois, and thence across the unknown plains of the Great West into the mountain strongholds of the Rockies, will some day be set forth in the high lights which it demands. The tale of that pilgrimage will resound with the adjurations of crafty leaders, the curses and blows of hostile mebs, the prayers of multitudes toiling painfully his rifle within easy reaching distance, and then looked out and dared through a desert wilder less. It will show designing men plotting guile in secret chambers, and with unabashed brows exploiting their preposterous revelations to their followers, and it will show the rude shock of disillusionhall, and knew the belated teamsters ment with its bitter fruit of apostacy and fidelity, and a still more painful spectacle-the moral decay of a community given over to a religion of Presently he heard the dull beat of grossness. hoofs on the long road. But it was

WAS SMITH DECEIVED? It is not a pleasant task to tear away the veil behind which stand the prophet and his chiefs and expose to their followers hundreds of thousands of the grim cynicism of their impostures. In the religion of the Latter Day Saints, as in many other false religion, has been lodged a volume of human aspiration that one, hesitates even to seem to assail. Sometimes one won-ders if Joseph Smith, himself, was to himself the perfect fraud that he seems to others. He was beaten, stripped, tarred and ducked, and he met his death at last fighting a mob with the courage of a man, if not the consecration of a saint.

THE GREAT CONSPIRACY. The history of the Mormon Church reads like a great conspiracy. Every step in its progress, every stopping place in its pilgrimage across the continent is marked by some huge impos-ture. If one could forget the suffering of its followers, if one could stop his ears to the cries of the outcasts, wandering hungry and shelterless along the Missouri's banks, to the psalms of a brave and cheery people tenting westward in the wilderness, one would call it only a dismal, a dreary and a sickening recital. But always in the background of the stage, where the trickster's red fire is blazing, one sees devout faces gazing, rapt as if the vision of the burning bush was vouchsafed, and the columns of wandering religionists marching steadfastly, as if a flaming pillar was moving before them. These pitiful, duped, eredulous men and women give to the recital a deeper interest. They are human documents telling the old lesson that error sometimes takes upon itself the habiliaments of truth.

hind feet, her claws caught in his time and again she scratched him, THE PROOF OF PRAUD. When Joseph Smith began his work Once or twice she withdrew her as prophet, he held little meetings in paw, stretched very high, and pushed | the modest dwelling of his parents in her black muzzle up till he could see a wood near Palmyra, N. Y., and the two red eyes; and he knew the two red eyes could very well see him. heard thundering overhead, as if the must with that I won't mount guard draw her head to give the paw a from heaven. The family moved to tive feature about the dress is the greater reach, and by shifting a little Ohio with the prophet, and when the vest, which is of brilliant yellow, with building was torn down afterward sev-But all the time, as she tried for eral cannon balls were found con- across it. e details me. He's him, first with one fore-paw and then | cealed under a false roof over the raftwith the other, her hind feet were ers. They could be moved by a string clawing at the bluff for a foothold. It so as to give forth a rolling sound as artly; and then he she had found it, she would have lifted of thunder. What use did Joseph and have reached him instantly. She make of them?

The Prophet removed to Kirtland, Ohio, and there a "Stake of Zion" was established. Prior to that time missionaries on their way to labor with the "Lamanites"-Indians of the far West had halted at Kirtland, and almost instantly had converted Sidney Rigdon, who took part in the composition of the Book of Mormon, but the soldier, for her left paw was at the who had remained in the background while that book was introduced to the world and the beginnings of the church were laid. A flourishing community was established in Ohio, and its center was a banking house conducted by Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon. It was in the days of wildcat banks, and the two worthies put a great deal of doubtful currency into circulation. But to all who questioned their ability to redeem it was shown in the vaults a number of huge copper caldrons, each with a capacity of a barrel and each apparently full of gold and silver

ans. PRETENDED REVELATIONS. A revelation came to Joseph Smith that induced him and Rigdon to fly on horseback at midnight from Zion's stronghold. The Sheriff had secured a warrant for their arrest the preceding afternoon, and the next morning he sent out after them with an armed posse. He pursued them for 200 miles. elear to the western border of the State. It was found that the caldrons contained only a single layer of coins; the rest was sand. And the two heads of the church had made away with \$40,000 that did not belong to them. Another Ohio scene introduces the

same figures. The time is four years previous, and a respected Christian ady in Clinton, Ia., who was an eyewitness as a girl, is my authority. The two men had been conducting a successful revival. At an afternoon air meeting, on a clear day, Rigdon was urging that the era of miracles was not yet passed. He pointed to a large tree and said substantially: "If God should strike that with lightning from an unclouded sky it would attest The peothe truth of our religion." ple looked at the tree and he went on. A little later he repeated the statement, when, sure enough, there into a thousand pieces! Some persons fainted, and a multitude was ready to "MIRACLES" THAT FAILED.

Detection followed hard upon the wondering workings of the Prophet. Twice he essayed to walk upon the water, in imitation of our Lord upon the Sea of Galilee, and each time the announcement brought a crowd. The Thunder, Lightning and Gold That paraphernalia in each case was the same. A platform of planks was secretly constructed just under the surface of turbid water, but Providence intervened in each instance to confound the plans of the head of the

The first instance was in Western Pennsylvania, and the spot selected for the miracle was the still water just below the breast of a dam. Some mischievous boys surreptitiously removed a plank where the pool was deepest, and Joseph, walking forth on the water with the greatest assurance, suddenly disappeared with s lond splash as if the devil in the shape of some gigantic crustacean had pulled him under. The second at-tempt was in Canada, and a member of the Baptist Church at Evanston, Canada, who witnessed it as a girl, is my authority. In this instance the rapidly running water had destroyed the integrity of the invisible platform and the Prophet had a narrow escape from drowning. When Joseph Smith died the epoch

of miracles reached its reducio ad absurdum. Twenty-five of the Saints had direct revelations-each that he was to succeed Smith. And in twen-ty-four instances the Church "turned down" the Divine message.

CURIOUS FACTS,

Iron cloth is announced. One hundred spoonfuls make one

quart. The fashion of rouging the ears has

been adopted in Paris. A Louisville (Ky.) man has a little house dog that chews chewing gum with a relish.

Rain has never been known to fall in that part of Egypt between the two lower falls of the Nile. The last Government census of In

dia showed 170,000 girls, between five and nine years, who are widows, An entire family in Kentucky has

been wiped out within the last nine years through death by accidents. Eleven years after burial the body of a Niagara (N. Y.) woman was dis-interred and found to have been petri-

A ship of only 2500 tons brought from Para, Brazil, to New York City a cargo of rubber which was insured

for \$3,000,000. A clock is being constructed for Liverpool Street Station, in London. The interior of its case could allow five persons to dine comfortably.

The world's births amount to 36, 792,000 every year, 100,800 every day, 4300 every hour, seventy every min ute and one and a fraction every second.

A New York man claims to have shot a crane up in the Adirondacks that had forty-five trout in its stom ach, none of which weighed less than a pound. When a native of Abyssinia desires

to pay a delicate attention to a friend or guest he produces a piece of rock salt and graciously permits the latter to lick it with his tongue. A Calcutta paper contains an account of the workhouse or asylum for

tablished some thirteen years ago by a society of influential Hindus. A Chicago gas company has put its

infirm beasts and birds that was es-

In remote parts of Scotland the old Covenanters' love for long services on the bare hillsides still lingers. At Dingwall a recent communion service | a remark which I think as worth rein the open air lasted from 10 a, m.

until 4 p. m. A squirrel with four distinct tails, each growing directly from the body, was shot by a hunter in Chautauque County, N. Y., recently. One tail, six inches long, grew direct from the spinal column; two were on the left and one on the right side of this, each being five inches long.

The X-rays, besides-being used as a detective for living smugglers, are coming into play as a mummy illuminator and will prevent the Arabs from palming off plebian clay as the genuine, if not only, daughter of the Pharaohs, even the amulets on the breast being plainly visible.

Collecting American Coins.

"Strange as it may appear," said a

leading numismatic expert of Washington recently, "the best American coins for collections come from abroad. This is because the bestpreserved coins are those which have been hoarded. Foreign ship captains are very likely to receive them in the course of business, and having difficulty in passing them in their native land, are likely to put them aside, partly as savings and partly as curiosities. Years later, when the captain and his collateral beirs are dead, they are fished out and get into the hands of dealers. Many years ago, besides, it used to be the practice when a child was born to set aside a complete set of the smaller coins of that date, and frequently they were secured fresh from the mint. If they were carefully cept and have been handed down a couple of generations, they are likely

to have a premium value."-New York Post. Boers Are Not Artillerists. All of the Boer troops except the comparatively few artillerymen, are what in this country would be termed mounted infantrymen. They carry no side arms, such as cavalrymen have, but depend wholly on their rifles. The Boer artillery service is extremely poor compared to that of other nations. Recently German heavy ordnance experts were engaged to train gunners and organize an efficient service, but much. That, too, has been borne out future effect will probably be serious patois. for the burghers. The talk of a seaport at this time is a serious drawback to the Boers. They are unable to oband that Joseph had operated the tain anything outside of their own fuse. This scene ends like the fore-country, and are obliged to depend on

MIND OVER MATTER. How a Bovy of Girls Made a Young Man

Uncomfortable. "I hope that fashions' for women have changed since last winter," said young man the other day to the edi-or of this page. "They have? That's good, for I was really made very miserable last cold weather by some of

them. "You see I boarded in a large house, then, where there were numbers of young women. I studied them very suriously, for I haven't any sisters, and I thought their ways rather pleasint. One thing I noticed particularly was that the first cool day in the fall they rushed off and bought dark frocks and got out their furs and put feathers on their hats and looked warm and comfortable altogether, and very attractive, for you know I like the winter girl. In the evenings they seemed to wear a good deal of red, or some such bright color, and I tell you

they were pretty.
"All went well, as the novelists say, antil we had some very cold weather. I came in one snowy evening to dinner, when the thermometer was near zero, and found the dining-roomwell, not overheated. While I was standing on the register trying to thaw out sufficiently to enjoy my soup, the door opened and in came the girl who sat next to me at the table. She was dressed all in white. Not party white, but just what she wore in the afternoons in summer, pique, I think they call it.

"It's not good form to comment, so I didn't say a word, but that rustling of white stuff made me feel a thousand times colder, just to look at it. chatted unconcernedly enough, but I believe she was half frozen just the same. As each of the other girls came in the dining-room she looked at my neighbor, started, looked again, as if she had thought of something pleasant, and went on to dinner.

"Would you believe it, the next evening every young woman in the house had on white or pale blue or something summery of that sort. I've been trying to discover ever since why they didn't freeze. Each one when approached on the subject averred she'd never felt warmer, but I no-ticed they all kept near the register and more than once I heard chattering teeth. I'll tell you this, I suffered, if they didn't, and I hope I won't have even to look at such chilly subjects this winter.

"Do you think I will?" he queried, anxiously; but unfortunately, even a sister woman can hardly prognosticate, with any degree of certainty, what the members of her sex will do, so the young man is still unassured.
- Baltimore News.

Midshipmite of the Old "Oak Walls,"

Among other improvements in the art of war, as attained by the world in these later years, is the abolition of the practice of sending children to sea, as was the case when the mid-shipmen of the old "oak walls" of England often were boys of less than fourteen years.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. in telling about the siege of Bomarsund, in the Crimean war, which he witnessed from the frigate Penelope, tells this story of one of these little fellows: "What pleased me most during the whole business," he says, "was the gallant behavior of a little midshipman, a mere child, twelve or fourteen years of age. About the time when the fire became pretty hot I happened to come across him, and, as he seemed to be as much out of a A Chicago gas company has put its job as myself, I touched my cap, and electors into uniform. The distinct took the liberty of observing that it was a fine day, to which he politely replied that it was. Encouraged by the company's name, in black letters, his urbanity, I ventured to ask him how long he had been at sea, to which he answered, 'I have only left my mamma six weeks, but I ain't going to cry on Her Majesty's quarterdeck, cording as many a one made by more illustrious heroes. Soon after this, however, a man was killed close to him, and the little fellow fainted, and was taken below."

Old Map of the United States.

State Librarian Galbreath has just secured another valuable addition to the collection of relies at the library, a map of the United States, made in the year 1796. The map was found in an old book shop at Philadelphia, and was formerly the property of a gentleman who was for years in the employ of the Federal Government, It is made from copper plates and is mounted on heavy linen. On the chart Ohio is a territory with rather vague ontlines. Cleveland is not to be found, and Cincinnati is designated as Fort Washington. Sandusky is the only city of any great prominence. The Eastern States are shown with substantially the same boundaries as they have to-day. Georgia extends as far West as the Mississippi River, and the Southern portion of Florida is apparently unknown. Lake Michigan is much too narrow and Lake Huron is far too broad. At the lower corner is a curious picture of Niagara Falls. Mr. Galbreath has discovered another chart of the United States. drawn in 1774, and it will soon be sent to Columbus .- Columbus Jour-

Where Learning Went Wrong. Some Vienna savants were lately

confronted with a language difficulty. According to the Independance Belge, a young girl, unknown, was found unconscious in a street at Presbourg, and was conveyed to the hospital at Vienna, where she recovered consciousness, and began to speak in a language which no one present could understand. The doctors came to the conclusion that the young woman was a native of an Eastern country. Consequently some professors from the Oriental School were called in, and they were all agreed that the girl did not speak a correct language, but a dialect. The Professor of Persian held that she spoke a Persian dislect, and that he understood it. Another was a mighty report and the tree went | they have not had time to accomplish | professor was of the opinion that it was an Abyssinian dialect. A third strongly in the war thus far, and its was convinced that it was a Turkish agreed, the police deemed it necessary to make inquiries, with the result

HE WILD DUCK AS A MOTHER meer Places Selected For Nesting, Which Are Jealously Watched.

The wild duck is apt to be rather quaint as a mother. She often seems have the most singular idea about ites appropriate for the nursery.

It is practically an essential for the vell-being of her babies that the nurery should be close by the water's side, for the little ones like to take to he water as soon as hatched. They rave small use for the laud except to est on and they are rather restless. The water is their element, and yet he old mother duck will sometimes thoose for her nesting place a spot re-note by more than a hundred yards 'rom any water; sometimes she will even choose the humble, but yet considerable, height of a pollard willow, and how she conveys her young brood 'rom these situations to the water is one of those problems of natural; history which, like the cuckoo's way of conveying her egg into a wren's nest, will probably go on vexing till the end of time.

There are theories in plenty, but no scrtainty. And often she will make her nest or lay her eggs, for her notions of nest architecture are primitive. in a spot that seems specially selected for its absence of cover. And yet no one can say that she is not an affectionate, even an over-anxious, mother. When you come near her nest and startle her off it she does not go away, as a wise woman would, stealthily, se cretly, so as not to reveal to you its existence, but with a flutter and a commotion and often with an affection of a broken wing (as if to lead you off in pursuit of her rather than leave you looking for her eggs), that tells you as plainly as if she had quacked it out, 'I have a nest there; please do not go looking for it but come and catch me, I have a broken wing." She has a charming idea of human simplicity.

She has only too many reasons for her over-anxiety. It is quite pitiful, She is a pitiful object herself, as she goes about in her lame and incompe-tent fashion. But the real dangers that menace her young family are many and terrible. On shore, as soon as hatched, or even while still in the shell, they are the most attractive prey of rats, both gray rats and water voles, and no sooner do they take to the water than a hungry pike is looking out to gobble them up or a heron, ostensibly bent on fishing, is not at all above skewering one of them on his bayonet beak if it should come his way. So all these adequate causes for most poignant anxiety more, than excuse Mother Duck for her fussiness, even if they be no excuse for her habit of pitching her nursery tent in sites

that really are not very eligible. But this mother has chosen a fairly secluded spot. For the most part she will be found sitting closely, if she be approached with caution, or else will move just a foot or so from her nest and remain watching jealously lest her eggs take suy harm. And close be-side her in the same covert is Mother Pheasant on her nest, less suspicious and more trustful, for she is some thing of a domesticated person, having been brought up under a barn door hen and so learning the ways of civilization. If the wild duck mother could learn only a portion of her trustfulness she would be a more contented person.-Country Life.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Our foster nurse of Nature is repose. - Shakspere.

Peace rules the day where reason rules the mind .- Collins. Our hours in love have wings; in

Wheresoever the search after truth begins, there life begins, -John Rus-

Never regret what you can help or what you can't help, -Sir Charles

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other? -George Eliot.

Be your character what it will, it will be known; and nobody will take it upon your word .- Chesterfield.

Character is the stamp on our souls of the free choice that we have made through life of good and evil. -Gei-

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. This is a service of a friend, -Emerson.

Whosoever is satisfied with what he does has reached his culminating point; he will progress no more, -F. W. Robertson,

By flight alone we cannot overcome, but by patience and true humility we become stronger than our enemies .-Thomas a Kempis.

There is in man a higher than love of happiness; he can do without happiness and instead thereof find blessedness. -Thomas Carlyle.

Our ideals are framed, not according to the measure of our performances, but according to the measure of our thoughts .- A. J. Balfour.

When you find yourselves overpowcred, as it were, by melancholy, the best way is to go out and do something kind to somebody. - John Keble

Though the star should be quenched in a moment forever, it is good that the star should shine its brightest to the last. This is the instinct of the brave and healthy heart that is faithful to its truest impulses. - Phillips Brooks.

Searchlight at Fires. The New York Fire Department will soon have as part of its equipment a complete electric searchlight plant on wheels, which will attend fires with the other apparatus, and, it is expected, will perform an important part in saving life and property. The scarchlight will be used to illuminate dark parts of the street and aid fivemen in laying hose, erecting ladders and also to light up the fronts of buildings where people may be in danger, and to throw light into the buildings themselves to aid the firemen in their work. The apparatas will resemble a fire engine in appearauce, and will consist of a boiler, a Since the savants were not direct-coupled engine and dynamo and two searchlights, each with an eighteen-inch projecting lens. The that the stranger was proved to be a Hungarian, who had escaped from a prison, and who did not understand a word of Persian, Abyssinian or Turkish.—London Globe.

lights can be used either from the machine itself or carried to any convenient point, councertion being maintained by means of flexible cables.—Restrical Review.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

DECEMBER 31.

The Heavanly Record. Luke v. 23: Rev. F. 1-5. (A New Year's Meeting )

Scripture Verses.—Mat. III. 16: Eccl. xi. 9: Matt. xii. 36: xvi. 27. 25: xvv. 21. 22: Rom. 11. 1-6; xiv. 10. 12: 2 Cor. v. 10: Heb. ix. 27: Jude 15: Rev. xvi. 5-7; xx. 12, 13: xxii. 12.

LESSON THOUGHTS.

Our very thought, word, and deed is entered in the book of God's record. Think of it! All the good and the bad; the kind and the cruel: the thoughtful and the carcless! All to be revealed in the last day; and the blood of Christ is the only thing that can ever blot out a single record of evil!

If you should be called this moment to judgment, would your name be found in the book of life? would it be confessed before the Father and his angels? Not unless you are now confessing Christ before men.

SELECTIONS.

When the leaves of the book shall by

Every soul shall know what it hath and produced.

And whosover shall have wrought an atom's weight of good shall behold it.

And whoseever shall have wrought an atom's weight of evil shall behold it.

From the Koran.

Every man, says a Turkish allegory, has two angels, one on the right shoulder and another on his left. When he does anything good, the an-When he does anything good, the angel on the right soulder writes it down and seals it, because what is done la done forever. When he does evil, the angel on the left shoulder writen it down. He waits till midnight. If before that time the man bows down his head, and exclaims, "Graebous Allah: I have sinned: forgive me!" the angel rubs it out: and if not, at midnight he seals it, and the angel upon the right shoulder weeps.

shoulder weeps.

The great stone book of Nature reveals many strange records of the past. In the red sandstone there are found marks which are clearly the impressions of showers of rain, and these so perfect that it can even be detected in which direction the shower inclined; and this ages ago. Even so sin leaves its track behind it, and God keeps a faithful record of all our

Hves. C. E. Gospe, Hymns.—36, 185, 175, 121, 196, 172. Gospel Hymns, 1-4,—348, 79, 239, 377, 96, 97.

tiems in California.

San Francisco Chronicle: It is a well known fact that several hundred diamonds of commercial size have from time to time been found in connection with gold placer workings in certain portions of this state. Within twelve months twenty-seven stones have been found in one placer mine on the Feather river, all but one being in the rough and globular, while the twenty-seventh showed a well defined crystalline structure. The largest of these weighed but a single carat, and the small octahedral brilliant weighed but a quarter of a carat, but all were stones of pure water. The recent discovery of zicron sands close to the limits of Oakland has already been announced in the Chronicle, but the discoverer is not yet prepared to define the locality, probably for commercial reasons. Manvel, San Bernardino county, turquoises have been found which in color and quality surpass the Oriental gems.

There are little industrial comm ties in small Massachusetts towns that are practically without any work to do as a result of the policy of the trusts in closing down the smaller or the less pretentious mills. The public nas heard but little of these cases, as generally the mills are not large enough to secure much notice in single case.-Boston Advertiser.

> MARKETS. PALTIMORE.

FLOUR—Baito, Best Pat. 
High Grade Extra...
WHEAT—No. 2 Red....
CORN—No. 2 White.... CORN—No. 2 White
Oats—Southern & Pean... 2
RYE—No. 2
HAY—Choice Timethy. 14
Geod to Prime. 13
GTBAW—Rye in car ids. 13
Wheat Blocks 7
Oat Blocks 90
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can rails on California redwood sleep ers and American water lines, are some of the Yankee products to be seen at the South African mines, Taming Ounil.

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